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Thank You

Dear Neighbor:

Here's a partial list of the community events and activities that your schools have hosted this Fall:

- · Gilda's Club Family 5K Walk and Run
- SAFE (Suicide Awareness is For Everyone) Task Force Town Hall Meeting
- · Salvation Army 90th Anniversary Celebration
- · Royal Oak Symphony
- Royal Oak Nature Society Speaker Series
- City Commission Candidate Forum
- · Parent U



Our schools draw people together...from the common bond formed by neighbors cheering together for student athletes to the connections made as families work together on PTA activities. Our work as your school district is student learning. Community is the context for our work and excellence is the standard we set for ourselves. "A Community of Excellence" is not simply a tag line or slogan for Royal Oak Schools, but rather the vision for all that we do.

Public education, governed by publically-elected community members, is at the core of our American democracy. Education is not a commodity to be bought and sold. Rather it is a public good, a trust of the community, with benefits not simply for the students attending school, but for the community at large. Knowledgeable citizens, thoughtful decision-makers, engaged neighbors...we all benefit from strong schools. The strength of our schools and our community are inextricably linked.

This month, as we pause on Thanksgiving to reflect upon all for which we are grateful, my thoughts will include being a resident of a strong community with strong schools. I thank you, the citizens of Royal Oak, for your commitment to our community-governed public schools.

Sincerely,

Shawn Lewis-Lakin Superintendent

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248-435-8400

Take this opportunity to see the building, meet staff and learn about the curriculum.

For more information, visit us at www.royaloakschools.org

Registering for Kindergarten

Note New Kindergarten Enrollment Age Requirement

Royal Oak Schools is pleased to welcome children and their families to kindergarten. Kindergarten enrollment for the 2014-2015 school year begins on Monday, December 16, 2013. Enrollment for all kindergarten programs district wide are processed at our Central Enrollment Office, which is located at 1123 Lexington Avenue, Royal Oak.

We encourage families to visit the enrollment section of our district website – **www. royaloakschools.org** – for information regarding the documents necessary for enrollment. Our enrollment web page also provides families the opportunity to complete much of the enrollment paperwork online. We look forward to partnering with you on your child's education!

Michigan State law stipulates that a child be five (5) years of age on or before October 1 in order to enroll in kindergarten for the 2014-15 school year. If a child is not five (5) years of age by the October 1st enrollment eligibility date, but will be five (5) years of age no later than December 1, an option for parents or guardians to enroll the child in kindergarten for the 2014-2015 school year is available. Families interested in exploring this option should contact the district enrollment office for additional information.

Here is a list of the documents required to register a child for school which parents should bring to the Enrollment Office:

Enrollment/Registration Required Documents

- · 2 Proofs of Residency
 - Lease Agreement (plus page with landlord and tenant signatures)
 - Mortgage Statement (within last month)
 - City Assessor's Tax Statement (current year)
 - Current Utility Bill or Cable Bill (within last month)
 - Notarized Shared Housing Affidavit if living in someone else's home/apartment
 - · This person's driver's license and two proofs of their residency
- Driver's License (of parent or guardian)
- **Birth Certificate** (original or certified copy with raised seal)
- · Immunization Records
- Vision Screening Required for Kindergarteners
- Court documents, if applicable (guardianship, foster care, etc.)
- Enrollment packet paperwork must be completely filled out. It can be downloaded
 at www.royaloakschools.org, click "Enrollment", or it is available at the district Enrollment Office or any school building.
- Please bring: Emergency contact names/phone numbers, physician's name/phone number, and previous school name/address/phone and fax numbers.

District Enrollment Office

1123 Lexington Boulevard, Royal Oak Hours: Monday - Thursday (Closed Friday) 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Barbara Sparks, Enrollment Coordinator (248) 435-8400, Ext. 1260

Fax: (248) 280-2591

See Kindergarten Welcome Night Schedule on page 12 for individual school dates and times.

Changing Residence and School Enrollment

Parents/guardians of all Royal Oak School District students whose residence has changed during the school year should update their address information with the Enrollment Office at the Board of Education building, 1123 Lexington Boulevard, Royal Oak. Please check the "Enrollment" section on the District website (www. royaloakschools.org) for necessary proofs of residency.

Kindergarten Vision Screening

Vision screening is a requirement for kindergarten entrance. The Oakland County Health Division offers free vision screening for Oakland County residents. Parents may call (248) 424-7070 to schedule an appointment.

Vision screening may be done by a health department technician, a physician or an eye doctor.

Save the Date: Preschool & Child Care Information Night

The 15th Annual Preschool & Child Care Information Night sponsored by the Royal Oak Public Library will be held Monday, January 27, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., at Northwood Elementary School, 926 W. Twelve Mile Road. Addams Early Childhood Center representatives will be on hand to talk to parents and answer questions about the various programs offered, including:

- Early Childhood Special Education Program for eligible preschool children ages three to six
- Early Childhood Special Education Services for eligible children under the age of three, who are Royal Oak residents
- Preschool Program for three-, four and five-year-olds. Three-year-olds meet two days a week and four and fiveyear-olds meet three, four or five days each week. The AM session meets from 9:00-11:30 a.m. and the PM session meets from 1:00-3:30 p.m.
- Young Oaks Before and After School Age Care Program
- Great Start Readiness Program
- Child Care Program Full or Part-time for two and one-half to five-year-olds

In case of inclement weather, the event will be held Monday, February 3.

Seeking Nominations for Royal Oak High School Hall of Fame

The Royal Oak High School (ROHS) Hall of Fame Committee has extended its deadline for nominations through December 31,2013. Forms can be found at the Royal Oak High School (ROHS) Hall of Fame website: www.rohshalloffame.com.

The Royal Oak High School Hall of Fame honors graduates and staff of all Royal Oak High Schools, recognizing excellence in areas including, but not limited to: public service, business, education, entertainment, fine arts, athletics, science and technology.

A candidate must have graduated from one of the Royal Oak High Schools (Dondero, Kimball or Royal Oak High School) at least ten years ago. Educators may also be nominated. An educator must have taught in Royal Oak High School(s) for at least 20 years and be retired for at least three years. Candidates must have excelled in the local, state, national or global arena, and fulfilled the mission of the high school: "Enter here to learn; go forth to serve" in their life and/or work.

Current Hall of Fame members are pictured on the wall near the ROHS Kimball Auditorium and are also shown with biographies on the website.

Nominations can be made online (www. rohshalloffame.com). Nomination forms may also be accessed through the site, printed and mailed to:

ROHS Hall of Fame Committee c/o Ann Maudlin Royal Oak High School 1500 Lexington Blvd. Royal Oak, MI 48073

For further information, contact Ann Maudlin at ROHS (248) 435-8500, Ext. 1066.

Two Royal Oak High School Seniors Named Semifinalists in 2014 National Merit Scholarship Program

Congratulations to Royal Oak High School's 2014 National Merit Semifinalists:



Emma Holcomb (left) and Bridget Vial

- · Emma Holcomb
- · Bridget Vial

These students were named by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation based on outstanding academic performance on the Preliminary SAT or National Merit Qualifying Test taken as juniors. They are among 16,000 students nationally to be named Semifinalists, from among more than 1.5 million students who entered.

Emma is the daughter of Erin and Dennis Holcomb. She is Secretary-General of Royal Oak Model United Nations, past President of Interact Club and a member of the Marching Band. Bridget's parents are Claire and Paul Vial. She is President of the Assembly of Royal Oak Model United Nations, participates in Cross Country and is a member of the Chamber Singers. Both students are making use of the opportunities available at Royal Oak High School to complete Advanced Placement coursework, which provide students the opportunity to complete college level courses while attending high school.

These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 8,000 National Merit Scholarships worth about \$35 million that will be offered next spring. To be considered for a Merit Scholarship award, semifinalists must fulfill several requirements to advance to the finalist level of the competition. About 90 percent of the semifinalists are expected to attain finalist standing, and more than half of the finalists will win a National Merit Scholarship, earning the Merit Scholar title. Finalists will be announced in February.

Royal Oak Schools Financial Audit Receives Highest Level of Confidence

David Youngstrom, Principal, and Kristi Kraft-Belsky, Senior Manager, Yeo and Yeo CPAs and Business Consultants, addressed the Royal Oak Schools Board of Education meeting and the community. Auditors from Yeo and Yeo gave the District's annual audit an unmodified opinion, the highest level of confidence received for such reports.

The District had \$10,037,295 of unassigned general fund balance as of June 30, 2013. The fund balance equates to 19% of operating expenditures and is within the Michigan School Business Officials (MSBO) recommended 15-20%. This represents approximately 69 days of operating expenses which is critically important when dealing with unpredictable variables in budget planning.

In his comments, Youngstrom commended Rick West, Executive Director of Finance and Operations, and the District's business services team for getting the audit completed early. "Royal Oak is our first school district audit," said Youngstrom. He cautioned the Board "there is much uncertainty still clouding the financial picture for school districts," pointing to uncertain enrollment numbers due to declines in birth rates and the state's uncertain economic and political conditions.

Youngstrom praised the Board and the community for passing the building site and sinking fund millage. "This provides a 'wonderful tool' for maintaining the community's investment in facilities," he said.

Royal Oak Schools Welcomes 38 New Employees

Royal Oak Schools welcomed 38 new employees for the 2013-2014 school year:

- Four Administrators
- · Eighteen Teachers
- Nine Ancillary Staff (Social Workers, Speech & Language Therapists, Occupational Therapists, Psychologists)
- Six Paraprofessionals
- One Secretary

In her introduction to the School Board, Cheryl Goodgine, Executive Director, Administrative Services, said "Our new staff has begun the process of establishing a strong foundation for educational excellence in Royal Oak Schools. This new staff has enthusiastically started their mission to get to know their students and address the skills that our students will need to be successful long after high school graduation."

New Administrators

- Michael VanCamp, Royal Oak High School Principal
- Karen Powell, Royal Oak High School Assistant Principal
- Joseph Youanes, Royal Oak Middle School Assistant Principal
- Patrick Murphy, Maintenance/Transportation Center Supervisor

New Elementary School Teachers

- Halley Danford, Special Education Teacher, Northwood
- · Ryan Davis, Keller
- Cindy DerVartanian, Keller
- Anna Eovaldi, Art Teacher, Oak Ridge & Royal Oak High School
- · Melissa Feliciano, Addams
- · Carlie Ferschneider, Oakland

- · Jeremy Letkiewicz, Upton
- Erika Muller, Oakland
- · Amber Pollack, Upton
- · Scott Seeburger, Northwood
- Angela Walentovic, Spanish Teacher, Oak Ridge & Royal Oak High School
- · Kristin Wasil, Upton

New Secondary Teachers

- · Chris Case, Royal Oak High School
- Renee DeJonge, Special Education Teacher, Royal Oak High School
- · Sarah Golda, Royal Oak Middle School
- Christa Hinderliter, Physical Education Teacher, Royal Oak Middle School
- John Kovalchuck, Royal Oak High School
- Faith Wroblewski, Royal Oak Middle School

New Ancillary Staff

- · Carmon Bens, Psychologist
- Jennifer Cameron, Speech & Language
- · Rachel Champagne, Psychologist
- Chelsea Coccia, Occupational Therapist
- Ellen Klemmer, Speech & Language
- Leah Lucas, Occupational Therapist
- · Madison Marcus, Social Worker
- Erin Shaughnessy, Social Worker
- Dawn Wright, Speech & Language

New Paraprofessionals

- · Malissa Boston, Keller
- · Sara Jajo, Upton
- · Melissa McLaughlin, Addams
- Robin Newsome, Transportation & Royal Oak High School
- Ellen Shansky, Transportation & Keller
- Robin VanRobays, Oak Ridge

New Secretary

• Beth Stein, Special Education



New teachers shown at the Board of Education Meeting (left to right) Amber Pollack, Kristin Wasil, Jeremy Letkiewicz, Ellen Klemmer and Cindy DerVartanian.



New teachers who attended the Board of Education Meeting (front) Erika Muller and Anna Eovaldi, (back, left to right) John Kovalchuck, Anna Krause, Carlie Ferschneider, Scott Seeburger and Dawn Wright.

2013-2014 District Calendar November 2013 – June 2014

2013

November 27 Half Day Release for All Students
November 28-29 Thanksgiving Holiday Recess
Dec. 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 11 Kindergarten Welcome Nights

Dec. 4, 11, 18 Professional Development (Delayed Student Start)

Dec. 23 - January 1 Holiday Recess - No School

2014

April 2

January 2 School Resumes

January 8, 15 Professional Development (Delayed Student Start)

January 20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day - No School

January 21-23 ROHS Exams (1/2 Day for ROHS Students)

January 24 Teacher Records Day - No School for Students

January 29, Feb. 5 Professional Development (Delayed Student Start)

February 19-21 Mid-Winter Recess

February 26 Professional Development (Delayed Student Start)
March 6 ROHS Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00-7:00 p.m.
March 12, 19, 26 Professional Development (Delayed Student Start)
April 1, 2, 3 Elementary School Open Houses
April 2 ROMS Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00-7:00 p.m.

Professional Development (Delayed Student Start)

April 7-11 Spring Recess

April 18Good Friday – No School for StudentsApril 23, 30Professional Development (Delayed Student Start)May 7, 14Professional Development (Delayed Student Start)

May 19-20 ROHS Senior Finals

May 26 Memorial Day – No School

June 4 Professional Development (Delayed Student Start)
June 10-12 ROHS Exams (1/2 Day for ROHS Students)

June 12 Last Day of School

Winter Holiday Performing Arts Events

The Royal Oak High School (ROHS) Performing Arts Department announces its upcoming concerts with an array of performances and ensembles. Concerts are open to the public.

Wednesday, December 4

ROHS Winter Band & Orchestra Concert ROHS Kimball Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 11, and Friday, December 13

ROHS Choral Winter Concert ROHS Kimball Auditorium, 7:00 p.m. Admission: Adults \$10, Students \$5

Thursday, December 19

Jingle Bell Jazz

Royal Oak Farmer's Market

To view a complete list of events and activities, go to the District website, www.royalo-akschools.org, and click on "Calendars". There are current calendars for each school, as well as a complete District calendar.

Instructional Swim Program

Registration:

Wednesday, December 18, 5:15 - 6:30 p.m. Royal Oak High School Pool, 1500 Lexington Blvd., Royal Oak For information, contact Royal Oak Schools Athletic Department (248) 435-8500, Ext. 1148

First Date of Winter Lessons:

Saturday, January 4, 2014 Royal Oak High School Instructional Swim for Children (ages 6-14) and Tiny Tots for Children (ages 1-5)

Open Swim Program

Schedule:

Royal Oak Middle School

Monday Evenings:

7:30-8:30 p.m. Children & Adults 8:30-9:45 p.m. Adults Only (Lap Lane)

Thursday Evenings: 8:45-10:00 p.m. Adults Only (Lap Lane)

Fee

\$5.00 for everyone over 5 years of age. Seniors are free with school district Senior Citizen Gold Card (available at Churchill Continuing Education Center).

Discount Cards are available at Open Swim locations for \$40 (10 visits).

Pools are closed during school breaks and whenever school is not in session due to inclement weather or other emergency.

Activity Gold Card Available for Seniors

The Royal Oak School District presents its Senior Activity Gold Card, a complimentary pass for Royal Oak residents ages 60 and over. This complimentary pass will be renewable every three years.

Benefits

The Gold Card includes free admission to:

- Athletic Events (except state sponsored tournaments)
- Drama Programs & Dance Shows
- Vocal & Instrumental Music Concerts
- Evening Recreational Swim at Royal Oak Middle School

Applications are available at the Churchill Community Education Center, 707 Girard, Royal Oak. For additional information, please call (248) 588-5050.

Royal Oak Sandlot League Donation for Renovation of Three Practice Fields

Royal Oak Sandlot League (ROSL) President Bob Sul-



livan and Board Member Kim Johnson attended a Royal Oak Schools Board of Education Meeting to announce the organization's donation for renovation of three Royal Oak Schools practice fields for use by the community and the school district.

ROSL plans to remove grass and install a home plate on two Royal Oak High School fields and remove grass, create a practice diamond and install a home plate at Northwood Elementary School.

The work will be done during the weekends so as not to interfere with school; additionally all removed material will be taken away. There will be no cost to the city or school district and continued maintenance will be handled by the city as needed and paid for by ROSL.

Superintendent Shawn Lewis-Lakin commended the Sandlot League, saying "This donation is an example of a community partnership which not only serves the community, but also creates opportunities for our students."

ROSL, in its 54th year, is a nonprofit organization that provides children in Royal Oak the opportunity to play baseball and softball. The League currently serves over 1,000 children in the city, nearly half of them in the 5-9 age groups. The League's teams practice from May to June each season. Currently Upton and Oakland are used for 26 teams and there is a need for additional practice fields for the 5-9 age group.



Northwood Elementary Principal Angela Ashburn, ROSL Board Member Kim Johnson, and ROSL President Bob Sullivan discuss the Sandlot League donation.

Royal Oak Schools Adult Education

Churchill Community High School

Daytime Alternative High School program for students ages 16-19.

Days: Monday through Friday

Class Times:

1st Session 8:00 a.m. to 1:25 p.m. 2nd Session 9:05 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

School Calendar: Terms are offered between September and June.

New students must call (248) 577-5639 or (248) 588-5050, Ext. 1505 to schedule an interview for admission.

Adult Education/ Evening High School

Program for adults and high school age students age 16 and older who wish to complete the requirements for a high school diploma.

Evenings: Monday through Thursday

Class Times:

Monday & Wednesday 3:00 - 4:45 p.m., 5:30 - 7:15 p.m. and 7:30 - 9:15 p.m.

Tuesday & Thursday 3:15 - 5:00 p.m., 5:30 - 7:15 p.m. and 7:30 - 9:15 p.m.

School Calendar: Two 15-week semesters are offered between September and May. Classes begin January 27.

Registration begins January 6 Registration Fee: \$25.00

Monday & Tuesday, 3:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday & Thursday, 12 noon-4:00 p.m.

Tuition: Non-high school graduates who do not attend school during the day can take classes free of charge. Students who attend school during the day must pay a tuition fee for evening classes and bring a signed permission slip from their high school counselor.



English as a Second Language

For foreign born adults who are still learning the English language. This class provides basic English vocabulary, grammar, pronunciation, speaking, listening and culture through various media. Daytime classes are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. Evening classes are Tuesday and Thursday from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Classes will begin January 27. For further information, call (248) 588-5050, Ext. 1506. Or come in person to:

Churchill Community Education Center 707 Girard, Royal Oak (between 12 & 13 Mile Roads, East of Rochester Road)

Registration begins January 6 Registration Fee: \$25.00

Monday & Tuesday, 3:30 - 7:00 p.m. Wednesday & Thursday, 12 noon-4:00 p.m.

G.E.D. Preparation – English & Math

These courses are designed to prepare students for the G.E.D. test. The focus of these classes will be on writing skills, the essay, and math. Test taking skills will also be taught. A variety of methods will be utilized including cooperative learning, hands-on activities, and individualized instruction. Earn one unit of credit while you prepare for the G.E.D. test. Classes are free and begin January 27. For further information, call (248) 588-5050, Ext. 1505.

Registration begins January 6 Registration Fee: \$25.00

Monday & Tuesday, 3:30 - 7:00 p.m. Wednesday & Thursday, 12 noon-4:00 p.m.

Royal Oak Schools Directory

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

	SCHOOLS				
School	Address	Administrator	Secretary	Phone	Fax
Addams Helen Keller Northwood Oakland Oak Ridge Upton	2222 W. Webster 48073 1505 N. Campbell 48067 926 W. 12 Mile Rd. 48073 2415 Brockton 48067 506 E. 13 Mile Rd. 48073 4400 Mandalay Ave. 48073	Ms. Flarity-Gram Mrs. Dryden Ms. Ashburn Mr. Lynch Mr. Parrott Mr. Grzywack	Ms. Nall Ms. Murray Ms. Judd Ms. Kucyk Ms. Kaczkowski Ms. Affeld	288-3100 542-6500 541-0229 542-4406 588-8353 549-4968	288-3144 541-1260 541-4709 542-9289 588-0750 549-0013
ROYAL OAK MIDDLE SCHOOL		709 N. Washington 48067		541-7100	541-0408
	Administrator		Secretary	Phone	
	Ms. Marcus, Principal Mr. Jones, Asst. Principal Mr. Youanes, Asst. Principal		Ms. Beardsley Ms. Maurer Ms. Barber Ms. Scott	Ext. 2039 Ext. 2025 Ext. 2013 Ext. 2073	
ROYAL OAK HIGH SCHOOL		1500 Lexington Blvd. 48073		435-8500	288-8733
	Administrator		Secretary	Phone	
	Mr. Van Camp, Principal Ms. Krynak, Asst. Principal Ms. Powell, Asst. Principal Mr. Cole, Asst. Principal/Athl	etic Director	Ms. Staszak Ms. Ruffles Ms. Cooley Ms. Moore	Ext. 1078 Ext. 1016 Ext. 1133 Ext. 1148	
OTHER FACIL	LITIES				
Facility		Address/Administator		Phone	Fax
Administrative Offices		1123 Lexington Blvd.	48073	435-8400	435-6170
		Mr. Lewis-Lakin, Sup Ms. Sutterfield, Admir		Ext. 1228	
		Ms. Goodgine, Exec. I Ms. Johnson, Adminis	Dir., Administrative Se strative Assistant	rvices Ext. 1206	
		Mr. West, Exec. Dir., B Ms. Carlisle, AP Assist	usiness Services & Fir tant	Ext. 1223	288-8700
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Churchill Community Education Center Continuing Education		707 Girard 48073 Mr. Wolynski, Director		588-5050	588-2881
Ç .		Ms. Laird, Secretary		Ext. 1502	
Adult Education Community High School		Ms. Cupples, Coordinator Ms. Sutton, Coordinator		Ext. 1505 577-5639	588-2881
Community	Addams Early Childhood Center		2222 W. Webster 48073 Ms. Andersen, Supervisor Ms. Soik, Secretary		288-3047
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Addams Early Ch	nildhood Center ansportation Center		ad 48067	Ext. 3561 545-0064	545-0885

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